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MURRAY BAY, CACOUNA, TADOUSSAC AND THE SAGUENAY.

Any one visiting France or England, and leaving those countries without seeing Paris or London, would not be able to form a thorough estimate of the wealth, luxury, and art treasures of the respective nations.

Without a visit to Montreal no stranger can be aware either of the trade and commerce of Canada, or of the extent and beauty of its Metropolis. Neither could he become acquainted properly with the intelligence and commercial enterprise of the people.

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Lewiston, Hamilton, or Toronto down the St. Lawrence, passing the Thousand Isles, and shooting the far-famed rapids, more particularly those at Lachine, to Montreal, and from thence to Quebec, by the Richelieu Company's magnificent Steamers "*Quebec*" and "*Montreal*."

Niagara, the common property, as it were of the United States and Canada, is familiar to most tourists. It would be considered a reproach to a resident of both countries not to have seen the mighty Thunder of Waters. No European ought to leave America without seeing them. No one can behold these stupendous Falls without emotion. The most vivid imagination can not conceive their grandeur and sublimity. The poet can scarcely, nay more, cannot describe them, though he may have an imaginative power sufficient to body forth the form of things unseen. If their vastness and immensity so enrapture the beholder, and convey to his mind some idea of the Omnipotence of the Creator, he will be at once impressed with the Omnipresence of the Almighty upon beholding, for the first time, those twin promontories Capes Eternity and Trinity, on the banks of the

Saguenay, standing out like two mighty portals, forming as it were an entrance to some unknown world. This is not the language of hyperbole, the writer felt most keenly the awful sublimity of the Saguenay, and he was impressed more deeply with the Divine and Eternal presence, when there than with any other scene he had ever witnessed. He felt his utter insignificance, and was reminded of the Persian story, how a drop of water fell out of a cloud into the sea, and finding itself lost in such an immensity of water, broke out in the following reflection:—"Alas, what an insignificant creature am I in this prodigious ocean; my existence is of no concern to the universe; I am reduced to a kind of nothing, and am less than the least of the works of God."

Like the Cyclopean Rock of Gibraltar, Cape *Trinity* ~~Eternity~~ rises to an elevation of nearly 1500 feet, and presents nearly a perpendicular face to the river, and as a geological friend observed, it must have suffered enough in its upheaval to give it a fair right to stand erect till Doomsday, as it most likely will, unless some mighty earthquake or eruption topples it into the deep waters at its base, estimated at fully 100 fathoms.

The River might strictly be called unique, it is certainly a very remarkable and extraordinary river, and resembles a long and narrow mountain loch, from its confluence with the St. Lawrence at Tadoussac to Ha! Ha! Bay, a distance of 50 miles.

In this distance, the Saguenay is from two-thirds of a mile to two miles wide, filling up a deep transverse valley, through mountains of sienitic-granite and gneiss. These mountains rise every where more or less abruptly from the water, forming, in some parts, precipitous headlands, such as Cape Eternity, which we have feebly described. These, when seen one beyond the other, up magnificent reaches of many miles in length, give rise to scenery which, although wild and barren, is yet full of grandeur and beauty. The granitic hills are in general quite barren, but the valleys, through which the rapid tributary streams descend, many of them abounding with excellent fish, are filled with a deep deposit of sand and clay, and are thickly wooded. The enormous depth of the river, its mountainous shores, and its impetuous stream, have rendered the Saguenay so celebrated, and entitle it to be classed among the most remark-

able features in the geography of America. The bed of the Saguenay, for many miles, is sunk more than 100 fathoms below that of the St. Lawrence at their point of junction; so that if the waters were to fall sufficiently to lay dry the bed of the latter, there would still remain a depth of more than 100 fathoms in the Saguenay.

We have written enough, we hope, to induce the traveller to visit this wonderful river,—he may do so four times every week by the well appointed steamers the *Magnet* or the *Union*, which leave Quebec upon the arrival of the steamers from Montreal.—The tourist may stop, en route, at Murray Bay, a delightfully situated village; if he is only a disciple of Isaac Walton's, he will be able to enjoy some excellent trout and salmon fishing; or, if he is an invalid seeking pure air and quietude, he will find there both these admirable restoratives; or, if an artist he will find abundance of material for his sketch book. If his temperament is social, and demands the company of the fair sex, we can commend him Cacouna, on the opposite side of the river, and recommend him to make his home at the "St. Lawrence Hotel," kept by Hogan, the far-

famed host of the St. Lawrence Hall at Montreal. Cacouna may emphatically be now called the Brighton of the St. Lawrence. It is a vastly different place to what it was in 1852, when the Hon. Francis Thistleton, the then Governor, landed with his suite in Mud Harbour Creek, and was conducted to his Vice-regal abode by the Suckers, but who, after a short administration, quitted the Colony, like Sancho Panza without a penny, saying:—"God be with you gentlefolks.—All Governors cannot own to the like." They say that Mermaids are to be seen about the "murmuring serge that on the unnumbered pebbles idly chafes," though science is severely silent upon that point—having seen no Mermaids.—Nevertheless, some sailors affirm "there must be Mermaids, and such like," and question "whether the water was made solely for the herrings and the mackerel." Probably they may be only over-grown seals,—but after all, those sea-ladies, with their golden-combed green hair, and their hand-mirrors, are too lively a dream to part with in a hurry, at the mere despotic fiat of stern old Dame Analysis, divine and reverend as she is. Why, like Keats's Lamia,

Must all charms flee

At the mere touch of cold Philosophy,

who will not even condescend to be awe-struck at the new wonders which she herself reveals daily?

Those, who like the sublime and the beautiful, we say to them:—go to the Saguenay,—stop at Tadoussac. Apart from its pleasant situation at the mouth of the Saguenay, it has historical interest. We are indebted to the author of *Archæologia Americana* for the following:—“Tadoussac, in the Montagnaise language, signifies breast, and is pronounced Totoushak. It was here that Jacques Cartier, the discoverer of the St. Lawrence, first landed on Canadian soil, on the 1st of September, 1535. Champlain, the founder of the City of Quebec, with Dupont Gravé, a merchant of St. Malo, and Chauvin, a master mariner, of Rouen, made several voyages to Tadoussac in the years 1603–7, and established a prosperous fur trade with the Indians. This place was early settled by the French, who built the first stone and mortar house ever erected in Canada—The remains of that building are still extant.—It is said to have been the residence of Pere Marquette, the explorer of the Mississippi. Upon a declaration of war between France and England, in 1628, Tadoussac fell into the hands of the English, under Sir David

Kertk, a French Huguenot refugee from Dieppe, who had been commissioned by Charles I. By the treaty of St. Germain-en-laye, in 1632, it reverted again to the French." In the year 1829, the only permanent inhabitants at Tadoussac were the residents at the Hudson Bay Company's trading post, now it is a pretty village with two Churches. —The one near the Tadoussac Hotel stands on the site of the old Chapel of the Holy Cross, the first sacred edifice erected on the shores of the St. Lawrence. It was unfortunately destroyed by fire about 1688. The present building is worthy a visit on account of some old oil paintings which adorn its interior. The Hotel is under the management of mine host Browning, of the Ottawa Hotel, Montreal, and there cannot be a better conducted hostelry—the rooms are clean and spacious, the table is well supplied, and the servants are civil and obliging. Boats and Canoes can be obtained upon application at the office of the Hotel, and they are necessary not only for fishing, but for the exploration of the many picturesque spots near this "cradle of Canadian civilization."

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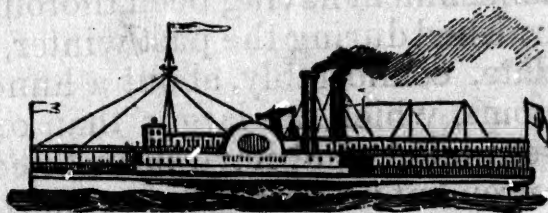
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